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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR MARCH 5-7 MEETING OF OECD
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, RODERICK SUG-
GESTED THAT THE FORTHCOMING MARCH MEETING OF OECD
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MIGHT BE A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE
TIME FOR THE U.S. AND THE OTHER PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SOME MAJOR GUIDANCE TO THE OECD
SECRETARIAT CONCERNING DIRECTIONS THE ENVIRONMENT
DIRECTORATE SHOULD TAKE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. HE
BASED THIS ON FACT THAT REVISED MANDATE FOR ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
RECENT MINISTERIAL MEETING AND THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER
SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS WILL BE BEFORE THE GROUP. THESE
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WILL INCLUDE THE QUESTIONS OF (A) HOW TO GO ABOUT IMPLE-

MENTING RECENTLY APPROVED ACTION PROPOSALS INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO THE TFP AND PPP, (B) PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORKS FOR 1976, (C) THE DIRECTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND (D) THE POSSIBLE NEW AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL, THAT MAY BE SURFACED THIS MONTH TO HAVE A NEW "AD HOC" GROUP FORMED TO REVIEW OR OVERSEE THE PROGRAM.

2. DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO THOUGHTFULLY PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING AND IS CONVENING AN INFORMAL

INTERAGENCY GROUP FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, WE STRESSED TO RODERICK THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE SECRETARIAT SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP IN MAKING SOME PRECISE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING FUTURE DIRECTIONS. MOREOVER, WE INDICATED THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE FOR US TO RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON BY FEBRUARY 5 THE LATEST, EVEN IF SOME OF THIS IS IN DRAFT OR ONLY IN CONCEPTUAL FORM. LATTER IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE WE SHALL ALSO BE PREPARING IN FEBRUARY FOR A MEETING OF SENIOR ECE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORS TO TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA JUST PRIOR TO OECD AFFAIR.

3. MISSION REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THESE POINTS ASAP. RODERICK GAVE US DRAFT AGENDA AND DRAFT MANDATE FOR MEETING, BUT WE ARE AWAITING SMET'S PAPER RE THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE ON-GOING TFP PROGRAM. MORE POINTEDLY, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF MISSION COULD PROVIDE US TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE WITH A BRIEF RECAPITULATION AS TO HOW SECRETARIAT PLANS TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH OF THE MINISTERIAL ACTION PROPOSALS RECENTLY APPROVED AND WHERE THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED IN FUTURE PROGRAM DIRECTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, WILL WE BE RECEIVING PAPERS RE OTHER SUBJECTS, COMPARABLE TO ONE PRODUCED FOR ECONOMIC SUBCOMMITTEE RE PPP (AEU/ENV/74 13)? SISCO

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